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SUBJECT: SITUATION ON THESSALONIKI CAMPUS

REF: THESSALONIKI 10, 12 AND 13

1. STUDENT OCCUPATION OF THESSALONIKI UNIV MED SCHOOL ENTERING THIRD DAY WITH ESTIMATED 600 - 1,000 STUDENTS INSIDE BUILDING. STUDENTS NOW OPETENT HOURS. BROADCASTS 8,:)7\$3 \$3.-,\$ \*94 43.9;-) 9\* 049\*3 94 :#48 59\*948\$3 -,\$;- 8)9097)9 (REFS), APPEALS TO STUDENTS OF OTHER FACULTIES FOR SUPPORT, AND MUSIC. WHILE ACTION CONFINED TO MEDICAL SCHOOL, STUDENTS OF ALMOST ALL OTHER FACULTIES BOYCOTTING CLASSES AND, FOR PRACTICAL PURPOSES, LOCAL UNIVERSITY AGAIN CLOSED AFTER ONLY ONE WEEK OF FULL OPERATION. STUDENT COMMUNIQUES ALSO HIGHLIGHT REPORTED BOYCOTT OF CLASSES AT UNIVERSITY OF PATRAS AND VARIOUS NORTHERN GREEK SCHOOLS. POLICE AUTHORITIES STILL NOT INTERVENING, BUT OBSERVERS EVIDENT ON PERIPHERY OF CAMPUS.

2. LOCAL PRESS REPORTS RETURN TO THESSALONIKI LATE JAN 14 OF UNIV RECTOR MOLYIOTIS AND SENIOR OFFICIALS AFTER MEETING IN ATHENS SAME DAY WITH MINED ZEPPOS. IN CONFIDENTIAL

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STATEMENT HERE, MOLYIOTIS EXPRESSED OPTIMISM RE SOLUTION AND NOTED THAT MATTER NOW IN HANDS OF PM KARAMANLIS

WHO PERSONALLY BRIEFED ON SITUATION JAN 14 BY ZEPPOS AND MINED UNDER SEC EVRYENIS.

3. IN ONLY LOCAL EDITORIAL COMMENT ON MED SCHOOL OCCUPATION, CHIEF ED KYROU WRITES IN "ELLINIKOS VORRAS" OF JAN 15 THAT STUDENT DEMANDS ARE MERE PRETEXT FOR POLITICAL ATTACK ON KARAMANLIS GOVERNMENT INSPIRED BY "COMMUNIST AND TOTALITARIAN" ELEMENTS. EDITORIAL CONCLUDES THAT GREEK PEOPLE INCREASINGLY ANGERED BY STUDENT INTRANSIGENCE.
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